


Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

 This application is related to U.S. Patent application serial no. ~~09/***,***~~ 09/843,724, entitled Keyboard with Improved Numeric Section and U.S. Patent application serial no. ~~09/***,***~~ 09/843,723, entitled Keyboard with Improved Lateral Region, both of which have been filed simultaneously herewith and are commonly assigned with the present application.

These applications are hereby incorporated by reference.
